

JOIN LUTHERAN CHURCH . . . One of the largest groups ever to be taken into the Torrance Lutheran Church is pictured here after ceremonies following services last Sunday. Rev. Paul Wenske said 28 adults and 13 children were admitted to membership in the church. Growth of the Lutheran

Church and all the churches in Torrance is indicative of the growth being recorded daily by the city, which now has an official population of more than 31,000.

Baton Twirling Contest Entries Arriving Daily

Applications for entry in the annual baton twirling contest here Saturday, May 3, were pouring into Torrance this week from San Diego, Montebello, Long Beach and other Southland communities, according to James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band, sponsors of the contest.

An early entry was shapely Lila Lou Hill, winner of the senior and sweepstakes in last year's contest.

The contest will be held in El Prado Park, scene of the affair during the past several years.

Other events on the spring calendar of the Youth Band were beginning to shape up this week, Van Dyck reports.

A meeting of George Post's "Miss Torrance" committee has been scheduled for Tuesday to get the ball rolling for the annual drive to select the young lady to represent the city.

Plans for a carnival to be held here May 7-11 are also being discussed, Van Dyck said.



LILA LOU HILL . . . Last Year's Winner

Associated Phone Changes Name

Telephone users in the West Torrance, Waverly and Seaside-Riviera sections will be paying their bills to the General Telephone Company of California from now on.

Once known as the Associated Telephone Co., Ltd., the communication concern's name is being changed along with all those of other major subsidiaries of the General Telephone Corp.

The purpose of the name change, it was stated, is to bring uniformity throughout the nation and to make the name General better known to public investors.

GIRL SCOUT LEADER CLASSES OFFERED

Intermediate training classes for women interested in taking charge of Girl Scout troops will be held starting Tuesday at the First Christian Church, 318 Denni St., Wilmington.

Order of Arrow Dinner Planned for Next Week

Dennis Coil, 1651 W. 218th St., is on the ticket committee for the annual ham dinner of the Order of the Arrow to be held next Sunday evening at the Gardena Veterans hall.

Donations of \$1.25 for adults and 95 cents for children will be received, it was stated. The Order of the Arrow is a boys' group dedicated to service for young people.

Small Land Plot Leased by City

A 100 ft. by 100 ft. parcel of land adjacent to the Longren Aircraft Co. was leased to them by the city, who owns the property, by action of the Council Wednesday night.

The company plans to construct a small hangar there to conduct experimental aviation activities, it was stated.

Council Seeks Budget Pack Deal on Defense Equipment

The City Council made application for a budget package of civil defense and disaster equipment Wednesday night after approving a request submitted by George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense here.

Powell said that applications for combined Federal-State aid had to be at Sacramento by yesterday and asked that immediate action on his request be taken.

Under the plan the Federal and State governments together will pay for 75 per cent of items needed by the city, leaving only 25 per cent, which the city must finance.

Powell requested additional radio communications equipment

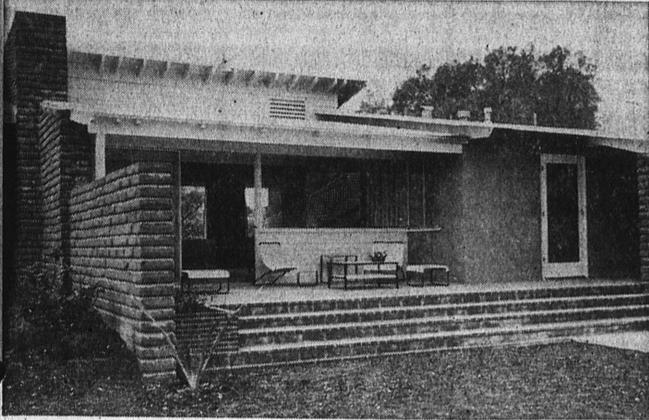
be purchased, as well as additional rescue equipment for the fire department and three, strong for placement at top the fire stations.

Although the items exceeded \$8000 in estimated cost, the city will pay only about \$2500, it was stated.

New Traffic Manager

Appointment of John N. Lind as general traffic manager of The National Supply Co. has been announced.

He succeeds Martin C. Richards, who retired March 31, 1952, after more than 32 years service.



PATIO VIEW . . . The Robinayre, the latest in architectural design in "contemporary-traditional," is now on display at Cinnamon Lane and Thyme Place, overlooking the Pacific in Portuguese Bend. Designed by Roscoe L. Wood, AIA, former Torrance architect, the building employs adobe and brick, and materials like translucent roofing and piano-hinged ac-cordian doors. The home is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce to Hold Membership Campaign April 22

Annual membership drive of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held April 22, it was announced following a meeting of the board of directors this week.

Dean Sears, manager of the Bank of America here, will head the drive to recruit new members into the local booster group.

The directors agreed that proceeds from the Shoppers' Guide, now in the process of publication, should be earmarked for the Chamber when it is reactivated. The monies would be made available to the Merchants Division by the board of directors.

In other matters coming before the board, the Junior Chamber of Commerce voted \$75 to help buy advertising for the City of Torrance on the forthcoming program for the Jaycees convention on Catalina Island. Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the group, announced that 40-inch square maps of the city showing all of the new subdivisions and streets had been

completed and was available at the Chamber office, 1345 El Prado. Heavy, permanent maps are \$2.50, and lighter maps are \$1.50, he announced.

Mayor Bob Haggard gave a report on the annual dinner scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Isenberg gave a report on the "Get Out and Vote" campaign. C. T. Rippe reported on the qualifications for Chamber of Commerce membership.

Shoestring Strip Sewer Approved

A sewer district for an area at 223rd and Normandie Sts. was approved by the City Council Friday despite several protests lodged by citizens in the area. The Council ruled that there were insufficient complaints to warrant abandonment of the proposed project.

But a proposal for an improvement district on 224th St. between Normandie and Hall-dale Ave. was returned to the city attorney with recommendation that it be abandoned, the city council said.

Too many protests were received on the latter, it was stated.

Indecent Woman Call—Errr Excuse me Ma'm

Police man Donald Nash rushed to the Kettler Knolls area to answer a report that an indecently exposed woman was in the area.

Nash found a very embarrassed housewife who had torn the seat of her slacks and was making a hasty exit from her parked auto into her nearby home.

Judge Higgins In San Pedro

Judge D. Clifford Higgins' of Manhattan Beach has been assigned to Division 31 in San Pedro Municipal Court. Judge Louis Kaufman, presiding officer of the LA' court, announced last week.

This month marks the beginning of Judge Higgins' third year on the LA Municipal Bench; one of his earliest assignments was at San Pedro.

He last served in the Lincoln Heights Division. Judge Higgins is a candidate for Office 2 of the South Bay Municipal Court.

Steel Representative To Set Up Office Here

Appointment of David J. Hurford, sales engineer and veteran of 20 years with the Standard Pressed Steel Co., to handle SPS aircraft parts in a six-state West Coast area of aircraft industry concentration was announced here this week.

Hurford will make his West Coast headquarters in Torrance and will handle SPS business in California, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

He will fly 10,000 miles every six weeks in covering his territory and shuttling regularly to and from the Jenkintown, Pa., home plant of his firm.

He is married and has two children.

Sadie Hawkins Party Slated

Ever wanted to chase a greased pig—here's a chance to try it, but you'll have to wear roller skates.

The annual Sadie Hawkins Costume Party at Redondo Skateland, sponsored by South Bay Skating Club, will be held next Thursday night.

Prizes for the most authentic Sadie Hawkins costume will be awarded. Gals must bring vegetable corsages for the guys, it was announced. Tickets are 60 cents.



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